

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Action mailed January 27, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 2 and 12 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The disclosure stands objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.58(a) for containing illustrations. The specification has been amended to remove the illustrations at pages 79-80.

Claims 2-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 2 shows a concrete and tangible result in the technological arts through the generation of a graphical representation of the overall architecture for the business and the generation of a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology among the manageable entities for display within the graphical representation of the overall architecture. Claim 12 shows a concrete and tangible result within the technological arts through code generation of an overall architecture for the business and code generation of a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology among manageable entities of the business with graphical display of the overall architecture and graphical display of how information technology is to be implemented and deployed within the overall architecture in accordance with the generated plan. Thus, Claim 12 is not directed to a disembodied storage device as coined by the Examiner since a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology is generated from data associated with the manageable entities of the business. The practical application of the claimed invention is the ability to develop an overall architecture for a business that takes into account the information technology needs of the business

according to the manageable entities within the business in order to determine how information technology is to be deployed among the manageable entities of the business. The overall architecture and how the plan for implementing and deploying information technology therein can be graphically displayed to provide a meaningful perspective as to how the manageable entities interrelate. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-12 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

The present Response to Examiner's Final Action is necessary to address the Examiner's interpretation of the claims. This Response to Examiner's Final Action could not have been presented earlier as the examiner has only now provided a clarification as to the interpretation of the claims.

CONCLUSION

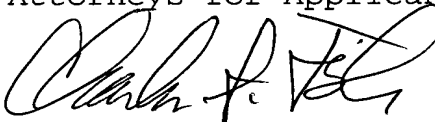
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 2-12.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

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